

**MINUTES
of the
FOURTH MEETING
of the
TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE REVENUE SUBCOMMITTEE**

**November 29-30, 2021
State Capitol, Senate Chambers
Santa Fe**

The fourth meeting of the Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee was called to order by Representative Angelica Rubio, chair, on November 29, 2021 at 10:10 a.m. in the Senate Chambers of the State Capitol in Santa Fe.

Present

Rep. Angelica Rubio, Chair
Sen. Bill Tallman, Vice Chair (11/29)
Rep. Harry Garcia (11/29)
Rep. Joy Garratt (11/29)
Sen. Roberto "Bobby" J. Gonzales
Sen. Ron Griggs (11/29)
Rep. Jane E. Powdrell-Culbert (11/29)

Absent

Rep. Anthony Allison
Sen. David M. Gallegos
Rep. Patricia A. Lundstrom
Rep. Willie D. Madrid
Sen. George K. Munoz
Rep. Randall T. Pettigrew

Advisory Members

Rep. Ambrose Castellano (11/30)
Rep. Christine Chandler
Rep. Deborah M. Sariñana
Rep. Linda Serrato (11/29)

Sen. Craig W. Brandt
Rep. Randal S. Crowder
Rep. Rebecca Dow
Rep. Susan K. Herrera
Rep. Marian Matthews
Rep. Rod Montoya
Sen. Shannon D. Pinto

Guest Legislator

Sen. Stuart Ingle (11/29)

(Attendance dates are noted for members not present for the entire meeting.)

Staff

Peter Kovnat, Bill Drafter, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
Sean Dolan, Staff Attorney, LCS
Joanne Vandestreek, Senior Legislative Librarian, LCS
Christian Carrillo, Intern, LCS

Minutes Approval

Because the subcommittee will not meet again this year, the minutes for this meeting have not been officially approved by the subcommittee.

Guests

The guest list is in the meeting file.

Handouts

Handouts and other written testimony are in the meeting file and posted on the legislature's website.

References to Webcast

The time reference noted next to each agenda item in this document is cross-referenced to the webcast of the subcommittee meeting, which can be found at www.nmlegis.gov, under the "Webcast" tab. The presentations made and subcommittee discussions for agenda items can be found on the recorded webcast for this meeting.

Monday, November 29

Broadband Infrastructure Deployment: Progress, Plans and Needs: Update on the Follow-Up to 2021's Legislative Broadband Initiatives (10:12 a.m.)

Raja Sambandam, acting secretary and chief information security officer, Department of Information Technology; Matt Schmit, broadband advisor, Office of Broadband Access and Expansion; Rand Tilton, program manager, Office of Broadband Access and Expansion; and Gar Clark, project manager, Office of Broadband Access and Expansion, provided the subcommittee with a presentation regarding 2021 broadband legislation, state and federal funding and 2021 broadband projects and initiatives. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/TIRS%20112921%20Item%201%20A%20Sambandam.pdf>.

Approval of Minutes (11:48 a.m.)

Upon a motion made and duly seconded, the subcommittee approved the minutes from the October 4-5, 2021 meeting.

Status of Rights of Way Rules and Fees (1:05 p.m.)

Jeremy Lovato, chief information officer, Department of Transportation (DOT); Priscilla Lucero, executive director, Southwest New Mexico Council of Governments; Thomas Wyman, acting deputy general counsel, DOT; and Luis A. Reyes, Jr., chief executive officer and general manager, Kit Carson Electric Cooperative, provided the subcommittee with information regarding the DOT's work on state roadway rights of way, the need for statewide broadband connectivity, the ongoing work of Kit Carson Electric Cooperative and progress made toward the goal of building a statewide broadband transportation network, including next steps. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Date=11/29/2021&ItemNumber=2>.

Infrastructure Needs to Satisfy the Yazzie/Martinez Findings (1:45 p.m.)

Martica Casias, interim director, Public School Facilities Authority (PSFA), and Ovidiu Viorica, program manager, Broadband and Technology, PSFA, provided the subcommittee with information regarding steps taken to provide access to broadband for New Mexico students, including immediate and long-term solutions and a financial plan. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/TIRS%20112921%20Item%203%20PSFA.pdf>.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 3:38 p.m.

Tuesday, November 30**Lessons to Be Learned from California's Broadband Deployment (9:10 a.m.)**

Rob Osborn, director, Communications Division, California Public Utilities Commission, provided the subcommittee with information regarding the steps taken by California to increase broadband availability, particularly in more rural areas. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/TIRS%20112921%20Item%204%20California.pdf>.

Diversification of Revenues for Infrastructure and Economic Development (10:30 a.m.)

Axie Navas, director, New Mexico Outdoor Recreation Division, Economic Development Department; Warren Unsicker, C.Ec.D., director, Economic Development and Outdoor Recreation Industry Initiative, City of Farmington; Lee Gruber, executive director, Southwest New Mexico ACT; and Teresa Ana Martinez, executive director and co-founder, Continental Divide Trail Coalition, provided the subcommittee with information regarding outdoor recreation, applicable grants, budget requests, river utilization expansion, bike paths expansion and land and building restoration. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=TIRS&Date=11/29/2021&ItemNumber=5>.

Consideration of Legislation for Endorsement (11:42 a.m.)

The subcommittee endorsed a letter from the subcommittee to United States Senators Martin T. Heinrich and Ben Ray Luján and United States Representatives Yvette Herrell, Teresa Leger Fernandez and Melanie A. Stansbury. The letter can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/TIRS%20112921%20Item%206%20A%20Letter.pdf>.

Senator Gonzales spoke about a bill to award grant money to local airports that he will introduce in the 2022 regular session.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the subcommittee, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.